

PATENT

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

CONNORS et al.

Art Unit: 1723

Application No. 09/091,508

Examiner: M. Ocampo

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For: SEPARATION ELEMENTS

**AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following remarks be considered and the referenced application be amended as shown below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 28.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9.

Please cancel claims 3-4 and 25-27, without prejudice.

Replace the indicated claims with:

2. (Four Times Amended) A separation element for separating one or more components from a fluid flowing through the separation element, the separation element comprising:

(a) a hollow pleated pack including a porous medium comprising a polymeric material or glass fiber material, the pleated pack having a plurality of pleats, wherein the plurality of pleats includes roots, crowns, legs extending between the roots and the crowns, an inner periphery at the roots defining an upstream side, and an outer periphery at the crowns defining a downstream side and wherein each pleat has a height  $h$  greater than  $(D-d)/2$  where  $D$  is the outer diameter at the outer periphery of the pleats and  $d$  is the inner diameter at the inner periphery of the pleats, a retainer disposed around the pleats, and first and second ends, the hollow pleated pack being at least about 40 inches in length and having an interior diameter of at least about 2 inches; and